

Minutes of the May 2009 General Meeting, Arizona Chapter MOAA

A luncheon meeting of the General Membership was held on May 16, 2009 at the McCormick Ranch Golf Club. President Ron Perkins and Gary Fredricks are representing our chapter at the AZ Council of Chapters meeting held at the same time in Yuma. Therefore, Terry Tassin, immediate past President, agreed to preside and called the meeting to order at 12:00 PM. Terry Tassin led the pledge followed by the invocation.

Members Present: Total people present: **47**; 34 members & 13 guests.

Secretary: Terry Tassin announced Beth Cullison as the Chapter's new Secretary.

Officer's Report:

Treasurers Report: Bill Roscher reported there are no changes since the May Board meeting update: General Checking: \$10,349.66; Scholarship: \$13,826.51; Total Accounts \$24,176.17 per Board minutes.

Armed Forces Day: Terry Tassin reminded everyone that May is Military Appreciation Month and today (16 May), is Armed Forces Day.

Legislative: No new updates at this time.

Guests: The scholarship recipients, family members & instructors, TriWest Healthcare Alliance Representatives Colonel Alice Demarais and her husband Chip, and Pat Dale's guest, Charlie Carlson, were introduced.

JROTC Scholarship: Terry Tassin made an early scholarship presentation to **Cadet Kenneth Liles** from Deer Valley High School as Kenneth needed to leave for a State High School Track meet where his performance could result in a university athletic scholarship. Cadet Liles will be attending the University of Arizona in the fall and plans to join the U. S. Marine Corps. A group picture was taken of the scholarship participants and the presenters prior to Kenneth's departure.

July 12th Outing to the Arizona Broadway Theater: Terry Tassin reported to date 25 people have paid to attend and reminded everyone that all reservations and payment must be made to Fran Tassin no later than 25 June.

Meritorious Service Award nominations: Terry Tassin announced the committee he chairs is now gathering data to use in selecting recipients for this year's Chapter Meritorious Service Awards. He asked that nominations be provided directly to him including data to support their nomination for the award.

Nominating Committee for 2010: Gary Fredricks and John Ady are looking for two more volunteers to serve on their committee to nominate candidates for the Chapter's elected offices for 2010. Terry Tassin encouraged everyone to either step up or nominate a qualified individual for a chapter office and to contact Ron Perkins if you are willing to participate in this committee.

Golf Tournament: Terry Tassin reported a successful May 1 tournament with 70 players and earning over \$1000 for the scholarship fund. On behalf of the chapter, Terry thanked Pat Dale and congratulated him on a job well done as the tournament director.

Memorial Day Participation: The Chapter Color Guard musters at 0700 Monday, May 25 for the annual Memorial Day ceremony at the national cemetery. The event actually starts at 0800 and everyone is invited to attend.

Personal Affairs Workshop: Dan Conway reported that well over 30 people including about 12 walk-ons participated in the recent Personal Affairs Workshop. Based on participant feedback it was very informative and beneficial. Publications were made available at the back table and Dan hopes to hold another workshop in the future.

September 19th Luncheon: Terry Tassin announced our September luncheon will feature a special guest speaker, Col. Gregg Davies, Commanding Officer of the 214th Reconnaissance Squadron at Davis Monthan AFB. The Squadron flies the unmanned MQ-1 Predator drone over Iraq and Afghanistan via satellite from ground control stations located in Tucson.

Lunch was served and enjoyed by all

Remaining Scholarship Presentations: Terry Tassin explained that each of the four Junior Reserve Officers Training Corps students were being recognized for maintaining an exceptional scholastic standing, demonstrated excellent qualities of leadership and have shown good moral character through participation in extracurricular activities and/or other community services. Upon receiving their award, each recipient said a few words about how much the award means to them and their plans for the future. Terry presented scholarships to **Cadet Stephanie Butkowski** from Cactus High School and **Cadet Andrew Carlson** from Cortez High School. Stephanie is a Special Olympics swim coach and 29th in her class of 393. She will be attending the Marquette University Nursing Program to become a military nurse. She also received an ROTC scholarship to Marquette. Andrew is first in his class of 391 and captain of the Cortez High School Tennis Team. He is a member of the National Honor Society and will attend Barrett Honors College at Arizona State University majoring in Aerospace Engineering. Cadet Carlson has a full ride scholarship to ASU and aspires to work for NASA. Col. Alice Demarais representing TriWest Healthcare Alliance joined Terry in presenting the final \$1000 scholarship, which was provided by TriWest. **Cadet Dustyn Ruble**, Alhambra High School, is 13th in his class of 578 and has competed in the National JROTC Rifle and Ranger competition. He will attend the United States Military Academy at West Point in the fall. Cadet Ruble explained that the JROTC experience dramatically improved his life for the better. All recipients expressed their thanks and appreciation for their scholarship.

Colonel Alice Demarais: Col. Demarais shared how rewarding her military nursing career has been and what it's meant to her, including the positive impact to others. She spoke briefly about the significance of JROTC and also indicated continued support for our chapter. Terry Tassin presented Col. Demarais with a Certificate of Appreciation for the wonderful support TriWest Healthcare Alliance has provided to the AZ Chapter Scholarship program once again this year.

Chapter 50/50 raffle was held with \$53 entered into the Scholarship account and \$45 paid out to 5 winners: 3 for \$5, 1 for \$10, and 1 for \$20

Greeters for September: John and Sharon Ady

Benediction: Terry Tassin gave the benediction.

Adjournment: 1:30 PM

Respectfully submitted:
Beth Cullison, Interim Secretary